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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam,

The proposed settlement is a bad idea. It does not do enough to ensure healthy competition in existing markets and those of the future. I believe Microsoft is using its monopoly position to leverage itself into control of the Internet. Microsoft's power precludes small comapnies form successfully launching products to ebnhance consumers' lives. Microsoft's model for software development leads to lower quality software. By allowing Microsoft to continue and enhance its monopoly, the United States will lose its leading competitive position in software development in the world marketplace.

Respectfully,

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